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Oklahoma proposes nitrogen gas as method for execution

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News Writer

On Wednesday Mar. 14, Oklahoma Attorney General Mike Hunter announced plans to implement the use of nitrogen gas in executions of death row inmates within the state.

The decision comes after several years of controversy regarding the lethal injection method, which is considered by some to be inhumane. If the plan is approved by state and federal courts, then Oklahoma would become the first state to execute prisoners using the nitrogen gas method.

Oklahoma has also been unable to require the drugs needed for executions via lethal injection, according to a press release from the Oklahoma State Attorney General office.

Under most circumstances, nitrogen gas is not poison; however, breathing it in staves the body of oxygen. The chemical would be administered through a mask placed over the prisoner's nose and mouth to flood the lungs with nitrogen, according to a report from The New York Times.

"Executions are the most profound application of state power," Hunter said. "I believe in justice for victims and their families, and in capital punishment as appropriate for dealing with those whose commit these crimes. Using an inert gas will be effective, simple to administer, easy to obtain and requires no complex medical procedures."

Oklahoma currently has 49 inmates on death row, according to The New York Times.

Ohio performs executions through lethal injection. There are currently 27 inmates on death row, according to the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

In total, there are 31 states in the U.S. that have legal death penalties; lethal injection is the primary method of execution across the country.

SGA presents Wright Impact project pitch competition

Holly Souther

Features Writer

Student Government Association's (SGA) Wright State Impact is an upcoming project pitch competition (based off of UpDayton Summit) and is centered around seven people who will take stage and present their ideas on how to make the campus stronger.

The audience will vote on the individual's concept they like best and whoever receives the most votes will win a \$1,000 prize with support from SGA, the Division of Student Affairs and Office of Equity and Inclusion to implement their idea in the following months.

"The Wright Impact is a project-pitch competition -- that we are using to looking for ideas. The first pitch is the celebration of people, diversity, and strength of Wright State University. The second, it challenges the community to be more equitable. So, we are looking for ideas that will meet those two criteria," SGA President David Baugham said.

Anyone on campus such as students, administrators, staff, faculty and alumni can submit in an idea as well as people who are not part of campus. "The point is we are trying to engage our community in that respect," Baugham said.

Baugham believes in powering the campus to go above hate and bias amid recent topics on campus and grants students to "take campus in their own hands," as it's important in the long run just as it with the end results.

"I think It's important for us to be able to power our community as much as possible, to come up with the solutions as oppose to us diagnosing what we believe the solutions are on campus. This is just one of the many ways I hope we engage a student body that is very passionate, very excited to contribute and enable them to be fulfilled in their own actions," Baugham said.

WSU researchers lead work in sensor research

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News Writer

Professor of Physics and Electrical Engineering Elliot Brown, Ph.D., has been leading a team of six along with Postdoctoral Research Associate Weidong Zhang, Ph.D., in various projects at the Neuroscience Engineering Collaboration building at Wright State University.

Projects include violet light emitters and opioid detection technology. "They are very disjoint, but these are [both] projects we're all working on," Brown said.

In the fall, they began looking at utilizing their technology to assist law enforcement and other individuals in opioid detection. "We were reading the news report about an officer and nurse being exposed to fentanyl," Zhang said. "Our technology may be applied to testing for opioids, the device may be able to test for fentanyl to prevent accidental overdoses like in the news report."

In early Feb., researchers hosted a tour of the facility and displayed their work for 17 members of Wright State and Air Force Research Lab.

The lab also offers Wright State students the opportunity to grow and learn in Brown and Zhang's research.

Wright State sophomore Abbie Ashbulgh who is a psychology major with a concentration in behavioral neuroscience and pre-med, has been working with this team since Jan. "This has been really fun and educational," she said. "I feel like I have learned a lot in a short amount of time. I think this is really important because it can change the way we look at the field of medicine."

Kent Fagon, undergraduate student in biomedical has also been working with the team. "It's been an interesting learning curve; I've done a lot of my own learning because of the [my] background but this has been a great opportunity to learn."

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Research with UV/microwave radiation was successful in detection of bio particles and sterilizing water device, according to Brown the Terahertz Sensors Group.

"We are all over the spectrum; we try not to work on radiation itself," Brown said. "We also look at devices that produce radiation and detect radiation."

The research has been ongoing since Apr. 2015. Brown and Zhang hope to further their research in creating technology to sense opioids and in making more affordable sources of UV light

Graduate organization bands together to save the Public History Symposium

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Features Editor

President of the graduate organization Public History Professionals (PHP), Derek Pridemore had to think on his feet when the history department let him know their funding was pulled, and the Public History Symposium might not be able to happen this year.

“Previously the history department would use the funding that it had for activities like this to help out the symposium committee, which was usually just public history graduate students. When the funding was pulled, the only way for it to happen was if the student organization took over and completely did everything,” Pridemore said. “As the president, I went to our meeting and asked if they wanted to take on this responsibility, and everyone voted yes.”

Pridemore presented at last year’s symposium and felt like the event could have been bigger and had more people involved to get the word out about the program and its accomplishments.

“The program as a whole was in danger of being shut down. The public history program at Wright State is the second or third oldest in the country, so to lose it would be very sad. Wright State does not really talk about how many museum professionals and archivists are being produced here. They are getting jobs all over the world in some of the biggest museums,” Pridemore shared.

In the first session of the symposium, students from outside of WSU are coming in to present to attempt to make Wright State known for public history again. Unlike topics such as science or math, you are more likely to be able to understand history even without a background in it, according to Pridemore.

“These nine presenters that we’re having have done hundreds of hours of research and work. Public historians are not the gatekeepers of history, we don’t collect all of these objects and artifacts and hold them locked down. Everybody is a public historian, essentially,” he said.

Session two focuses on African American history, and is the part of the symposium Pridemore is most excited for.

“I care so much about African American history, because I believe that is one part of American history that is distorted and not represented well. People need to learn more about African American history now more than ever with what’s going on in the country,” he shared.

Pridemore said he is incredibly grateful for the support of the history department, even when they couldn’t afford to fund the symposium. “PHP took a lot of responsibility to do this and we’ve done a lot of work, but we couldn’t have done it without the support and the help from the faculty and the staff of the history department,” he said.

It will take place on Friday, March 16 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in 163 Student Union.

Weekly Horoscopes

Aries: There are things in life that seem impossible to accomplish, Aries, but it's time to believe in yourself and get to work! No matter the size of the task, they are all accomplished by taking the first step and sticking to it.

Taurus: You seem to have developed an unhealthy relationship, Taurus. This relationship with your Sims spouse is getting a little out of hand. It's time to get reacquainted with the real world, and ask for a break with your spouse.

Gemini: There is a difference between busy and focused, Gemini. Instead of constantly being busy, reevaluate your priorities to see where your time is going, and see if that lines up with who you want to be.

Cancer: Love is in the air, Cancer! And no, it's not the leftover affects of Valentine's Day. It's the fact that Easter chocolate is about to start hitting the shelves. Hold on a little bit longer, your patience will be rewarded.

Leo: Your hanger problem is getting out of control, Leo. It's not good that you're sending multiple apology texts a week for what you say when you're hangry. We recommend having a stash of snacks at all times.

Virgo: Slow and steady wins the race, Virgo. Unless you're at a pie eating contest, then that probably is not the best strategy to use. Moral of the story: you will need to use multiple strategies in life, all are correct in their own situations.

Libra: Small things in life can hurt the most, Libra. This is mostly applicable to paper cuts. So next time you're frantically flipping through your textbook because you forgot about a quiz, make sure you don't get a paper cut.

Scorpio: Instead of goals, set destinations, Scorpio. If you're looking for a sunrise, go east. If you're looking for a sunset, go west. So be open minded to what you experience along the way. Happy traveling!

Sagittarius: The world needs more tree huggers, Sagittarius. Not metaphorically, literally. Next time you are walking around and see a tree, got up to it and hug. You never know, you could make that tree's day. Hugs aren't just for humans.

Capricorn: Time to be a bit more open minded, Capricorn. But only as open minded as you feel comfortable in. So if you don't want to jump out of a perfectly good air plane, your probably shouldn't do that.

Aquarius: You need to let your inner entrepreneur shine through, Aquarius, because a serious issue needs to be solved: not enough cereal boxes have toys on the inside. That was half the fun of eating breakfast. So please for all of our sakes, fix this problem.

Pisces: Some nervous habits are okay, and some are just pretty, weird, Pisces. You should probably stop hissing at people when you're nervous around someone. While you may love cats, keep the hissing at a minimum.

Famed scientist Stephen Hawking passes at the age of 76

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News Editor

Stephen Hawking, British theoretical physicist and professor at the University of Cambridge has died at the age of 76. He passed away peacefully at his Cambridge home early in the morning, according to a statement from his family.

Hawking was most well-known for his contributions to black holes and relativity. He is considered to be one of the most influential scientists of the twenty first century.

Hawking was born on Jan. 8, 1942 in Oxford, United Kingdom. He obtained his B.A. from Oxford University and Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge.

In 1963 at the age of 21, he was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as ALS or Lou Gehrig's Disease. The neurodegenerative disease leaves the brain incapable of controlling muscles.

Doctors expected Hawking to live only a few years after the initial diagnosis. He survived for another 55 years.

He was left paralyzed, unable to speak, and completely dependent on other people and technology to perform basic tasks. He was able to communicate through a speech synthesizer and was bound to a wheelchair for the rest of his life.

Hawking specifically requested that his tombstone have his famous formula for black hole entropy. The equation represents the concept that came to be known as Hawking radiation, which explained that black holes emit black body radiation.

The formula was considered a breakthrough in our understanding of black holes and a major contribution to the scientific field.

Nine years after discovering that black holes emit radiation, he became a Lucasian professor of Mathematics at the university of Cambridge – a title previously held by influential Mathematician Sir Isaac Newton.

He released 'A Brief History of Time' in 1988, a book that explained the fundamentals of physics and human existence. It sold ten million copies.

Hawking held a total of thirteen honorary degrees and was awarded multiple medals and prizes in his lifetime, according to his website.

Fellow scientists have paid tribute to Stephen Hawking in response to his passing. In a Twitter post, American astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson wrote “His passing has left an intellectual vacuum in his wake. But it’s not empty. Think of it as a kind of vacuum energy permeating the fabric of spacetime that defies measure.”

Hawking is survived by three children: Lucy, Robert, and Tim. “We are deeply saddened that our beloved father passed away today,” they said in a statement. “He was a great scientist and an extraordinary man whose work and legacy will live on for many years. His courage and persistence with his brilliance and humor inspired people across the world.”

Wright State faculty start cost saving initiative

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During the fall 2017 semester, Wright State incorporated a new pilot project aimed at saving students' money on textbooks in nine courses.

Professor Dan Krane of Wright State is the Ohio Faculty Council and chair of the Wright State Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency. Krane has been leading the effort alongside Student Government Association member Daniel Palmer.

"Textbook costs have increased over the years, there's also a 5.5 percent sale," Krane said.

During the governor's budget creation last summer, public two-year and four-year institutions were required to get the costs of textbooks down for students.

Several courses utilized both inclusive access and open education course resources online, according to Krane.

"Inclusive Access is when the university approaches the middle man, a negotiator like the bookstore," Krane said. "We tell the bookstore that we will extract say \$75 per student for the book that is needed in the class. The bookstore takes the price to the publishers and they come back with a list. That's what we did with our introduction to biology course."

These alternatives have saved more than \$56,000 on average and in the fall 2018 semester the project will expand to 40 courses saving students \$300,000.

Austin Rains, student member of the Board of Trustees is also involved in the working group of the initiative.

"It's really encouraging to see students, faculty and administration working together," Rains said. "We're saving hundreds of thousands of dollars and this will help as we work on more initiatives."

Last month, the results were presented to the Board of Trustees and according to Krane, "the initiative prevailed the board."

Starting in the fall semester schools such as Toledo University, Kent State, Cleveland State and several others will launch pilot programs following WSU.

In the next five years Krane expects all schools across the state of Ohio will begin their own textbook initiative similar to WSU, saving students \$300 million a year in total.

Provost search committee recruits executive search firm

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News Editor

The committee appointed to search for a new university provost has contracted an executive search firm, Greenwood/Asher & Associates, to assist in their mission.

Greenwood/Asher & Associates representatives will serve as “guides to find the right person for the position, to achieve high performance leadership and to ensure organizational success,” according to the firm’s [website](#).

The firm is able to aid the committee in its search by drawing from a national pool of candidates, creating a “deeper and more diverse pool... than could be accomplished with the contacts and communication means available to the committee and university,” said Travis Doom, co-chair of the provost search committee and president of the faculty senate.

Executive search firms may also provide more thorough vetting by performing investigations based on ‘on-list’ references – contacts who have been authorized by an applicant, and ‘off-list’ references – people not included by the applicant, according to Doom.

Several executive search companies were interviewed by university representatives, and Greenwood/Asher was identified as having “the best chance of bringing a diverse pool of strong candidates for Wright State University,” Doom said.

Other factors that were considered in choosing a firm to contract included a firm’s ability to conduct its search in the timeframe outlined by the university and its knowledge of the local area and concerns of the university.

Representatives of the firm including Firm President Jan Greenwood have visited Wright State to speak at public forums regarding the search and to familiarize themselves with the university’s needs.

Firm representatives have been in direct contact with the search committee and university leaders to find out what the university is looking for in a provost and to become familiar with points of pride for the university, in order to attract candidates to Wright State University.

The cost of contracting an executive search firm is typically equal to a third of the annual salary of the position being searched, according to Doom. The Communications Department was unable to provide the contract that Wright State has with the firm or a defined cost at this time.

The role of a university provost can vary on an individual basis. The Provost of Wright State University also serves as an Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs; his or her responsibilities as Executive VP cover anything related to academics. Duties as Provost are to supervise deans and “to make certain our programs are of high academic caliber and meet all accreditation and legal guidelines,” said Doom.

The University has included a leadership profile on its [provost search webpage](#), which covers in-depth the responsibilities of the position and the university’s vision for a provost.

The search committee aims to complete its search for a provost by Jul. 1, 2018.

Wright State to host Civil Rights Commission

Sarah Cavender

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On Thursday, Apr. 5, the Ohio Civil Rights Commission will be hosted at Wright State University.

According to an email from Michael Bernstein, lecturer for Raj Soin College of Business, and director of the event, WSU is one of two universities the commission visits annually, the second being the Ohio State University.

The commission “will be hearing appeals of Civil Rights violations in Ohio and as a result of the hearings if they find a serious violation they have the power to close a business or an institution in Ohio,” Bernstein said in an email.

The Ohio Civil Rights Commission was established in 1959. It has the power to investigate, render formal determinations and charge unlawful discrimination in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodations, credit and disability in institutions of higher education, according to their website.

The Bolinga Black Cultural Resources Center at Wright State is sponsoring the event. Director Edward Twyman and Assistant Director Nycia Lattimore have worked to coordinate the arrangements for the event.

Hearings will be held by the commission from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Student Union Atrium. They will be open to students, faculty, staff and the public, according to a press release.

After the hearings conclude, the commission will announce its decisions and host an open forum for attendees to ask questions.

Fine dining on a dime for college students

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As college students have a limited budget and minimal resources when it comes to money and food, they may find themselves struggling to cook a variety of palettes. Students can easily turn their resources into something worthy of being gourmet-like.

Open the fridge and see what ingredients you may find. Eggs? Turn your sunny side up eggs into a double layered omelet with cheese, eggs, and your choice of vegetables or ingredient. Sprinkle herbs on top for added effect.

"To be honest, I don't [cook very often] – I eat out a lot. Otherwise super simple stuff. I eat a lot of eggs. Salads are my favorite food. I make a lot of Caesar's salads. Balsamic salads. Super simple stuff," said French major Kearstyn Bowen.

Salads such as Caesar can consist of romaine lettuce, croutons, olive oil, garlic, egg, black pepper, salt, as well as eclectic ingredients like the website Bonappetit suggests. Chop the basic ingredients to make a paste where you create a unique dressing, and then mix up croutons with the salad – it's up to you to hand toss the lettuce or use tongs.

Search for stores in the area on the Internet for coupons and discounts to buy resources needed for recipes if necessary. "I go to Meijer's and use M-perks awards, so I get coupons and try to use that," Student Alexandria Bayliff revealed.

Vegetables can be transformed into a three-piece kebab with the individual choosing the meat such as chicken or beef. Fruits can be blended together to create a smoothie and with an added flourish, served.

"Salads are a good option – they are healthy. Vegetables are pretty cheap or fruits in smoothies and yogurts with fruit," Bayliff continued. Ramen is cheap and can be used instantly in soups or noodle bowls.

Multiple recipes can be found online on how to transform basic food resources into something gourmet like.

Wright State gets 14 seed, will play University of Tennessee in Dallas, Texas

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Sports Editor

The Wright State men's basketball team will face off against the University of Tennessee Volunteers on Thursday, Mar. 15. The game will be played in Dallas, Texas.

The Raiders found out their March Madness opponent in front of fans, alumni and current students in the student union atrium Sunday night, and even had a brief cameo on national television during the NCAA selection show on TBS. The camera showed the WSU players and fans cheering and roaring as they reacted to their name showing up on screen in front of millions of people watching.

Joe Lunardi of ESPN bracketology had various projections of who WSU would play throughout the week. Early on he predicted they would play Purdue University, then the University of Cincinnati, and his final prediction was the University of Michigan.

With the NCAA selection committee choosing Tennessee, the Raiders will have a tough assignment to deal with come next week. The Volunteers are ranked eighth in the country in overall Ranking Power Index (RPI) as of Mar. 11, according to NCAA.com. RPI is a ranking system that is based on a team's wins and losses, as well as their strength of schedule. Tennessee's overall record this season was 25-8, which included two wins over the University of Kentucky and an impressive win over Purdue University, who received a two seed in this year's NCAA tournament.

The Raiders will be looking for their first ever tournament win. In their division one history, they have only made the tournament two other times, in 1993 and 2007, both resulting in first round losses.

The 14 seed in the NCAA tournament hasn't had much success, with an overall record of 21-111. However, at least one 14 seed has advanced to the second round in 18 out of 33 (55 percent) tournaments in division one history, according to NCAA.com. Also, from 2013-2016, at least one 14 seed advanced to the second round.

Tip off time for WSU vs. Tennessee has yet to be announced, but it will be on the same day and at the same location as the University of Miami (six seed) and Loyola-Chicago (11 seed) matchup on Mar. 15.

What are pre-health workshops?

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Features Writer

Students interested in the Pre-Health programs on campus can attend Pre-Health Workshops throughout the spring semester and receive information through mock interviews, getting help with personal statements, and meeting health professional speakers regarding their major as well as their interest in health fields. Pre-Health related programs also include medicine, chiropractic, physical therapy, occupational therapy, dentistry, physician assistant and vet medicine.

"We do everything but nursing since we have our own College of Nursing and we do different workshops," said Harolynn Williams, pre-health advisor and post-back coordinator.

The program this spring is centered around getting students more involved in utilizing the resources offered to them. Students can register under the Pre-Health section found on the university's website if they are interested in the field and find out an array on information; volunteer options, summer programs, workshops, and more.

Workshops are also focused around picking majors, prerequisite courses, different exams, preparation and prices regarding health fields and medical school, as well as variety of application processes, in person and on videos online.

Students should also have "timely information and be proactive," according to Williams, rather than focusing on what they hear from others.

"I am trying to formalize the program a little bit more - a lot of it would be that the student would just come in talk to their advisor and the advisor would let me know that the student is interested in a pre-health program or a student themselves would come and see me and then we would talk about the specific programs that they would have but we're trying to set the program up to work now - we're really going to launch it fall semester," Williams said.

Williams also emphasized the importance of students visiting and talking with their advisors, because they have valuable information to pass forward.

How do students feel about their WSU fitness center?

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Sports Writer

Wright State offers multiple areas of fitness for its community. The Student Union is filled with options such as an indoor basketball court, racquetball courts and a full fitness center. The fitness center offers a variety of options including weights and dumbbells, treadmills, and other machines for students, faculty, and other members of the community to exercise on their time.

Since it is free and easily accessible, many students utilize this amenity. Students enjoy the variety that the gym provides, as well as the other features it includes. Student Madison Leonhardt spoke about how the gym allows her to work out with friends whenever they would like to.

"I enjoy the union gym because it is easy to go to. I can go when I don't have class or if I just want to do a little bit in between or after class," she said. "I normally do cardio, so the different options allow me to not just do one thing and then leave. All in all I feel that it is a great place."

Other students feel some things should be changed to provide a better experience. Bradley Steen feels the WSU fitness center should try and be more efficient with equipment due to the limited space.

"There are many different machines that offer workouts on different muscle groups. There are a couple duplicates in the machine area that couple be replaced with other options. There are a lot of treadmills and I have never seen even 75 percent of them in use at the same time. Maybe some of that space could be used to open up the dumbbell area which is a tad cramped."

Overall, Steen really enjoys the atmosphere it produces.

"Having it on campus and accessible for majority of the day is very convenient. It is never overly busy to where I have trouble getting my workout done in a reasonable amount of time. Overall though the atmosphere is not off-putting, which is very nice."

The fitness center is open from 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. on weeknights, 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. on Friday and 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

WSU's Eli Davis creates a Wright Brother's musical: "First in Flight"

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Features Editor

Last week theatre lovers from the WSU community gathered in the Creative Arts Center Recital Hall to witness a reading of an original work by student Eli Davis. The musical chronicles key parts of both the Wright Brothers, and their friends and family members lives, and includes poems by Paul Laurence Dunbar.

"The inspiration was all around. In the Dayton area and specifically at Wright State, where we're so deeply immersed in the legacy of the Wright brothers. Once I took the time to take a closer look at their story, I fell in love with it. The original idea for writing a musical about them came up sort of randomly in a conversation with my mom, then I just ran with it for two years," Davis said.

Taking on such a historical legacy required Davis to embark on a path of research to get details that common citizens might not know. He started with a stack of books, and eventually, his favorite part of the research -- he travelled to primary source locations like Carillon Park, Huffman Prairie and the Air Force Museum.

"I started with the acclaimed David McCullough book, then read a few other books cover to cover. Once I decided what central story I wanted to tell and started writing, I only went back to the books to check details. But sometimes when the writing was going slowly, I'd go through a book for more inspiration," Davis Shared.

Davis cast his classmates and friends into the various roles and ensemble knowing their talent from their time in the Acting and Musical Theatre program together.

"Because there are about 20 in each class, we basically all know each other. For a couple of the roles, I had people I knew in mind as I wrote them, which made writing the roles easier, and casting them, of course," he said.

Davis said he would love to take the musical as far as possible, whether that be a professional production or even Broadway.

"'First in Flight' taught me invaluable lessons about storytelling, song craft and simply seeing a project all the way through. My biggest hope for the future would be that I can use the skills I've learned through this project to continue to develop as an artist, whether it be through 'First in Flight' or whatever lies ahead," he said.

Davis' favorite songs from the show include "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" because it was the first song he wrote for the show and, "because of how beautiful Paul Laurence Dunbar's words are," and the upbeat "My Buckeye Home."

College of Liberal Arts starts professional mentoring program

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The College of Liberal Arts (CoLA) at Wright State University has implemented a program in which students are paired with a mentor that assist in the development in their professional skills and prepare them for the workplace.

The program is formally known as the College of Liberal Arts Professional Mentoring Program. It was first introduced in the current spring semester of 2018.

Juniors and seniors in CoLA who participate in the program are paired with community members who have been identify as having been successful in their programs and careers, “with the aim to give our students some guidance and direction as they approach graduation,” according to Jennie Buckwalter, who was charged with creating the framework of the program and oversees its management.

According to the program application, activities that mentor/mentee pairs may participate in include job shadowing, networking events, interview preparation, resume and cover letter review, business etiquette and social media/personal branding.

“This one-on-one mentoring relationship will allow for individual attention to [mentees’] career aspirations, professional development, and networking needs,” reads the application.

In the fall 2017 semester, those tasked with designing the framework of the program investigated similar program at other universities and spoke to and received feedback from community stakeholders, deans, department chairs and students.

CoLA Dean Linda Caron also met with Travis Greenwood, a graduate of the Wright State communications program and initial founders of the program, to discuss ways to equip students with tools for success, according to Buckwalter.

The program currently has 13 mentor/mentee pairs. They will debrief in about one month and program developers will receive their feedback.

A goal outlined by Buckwalter is to scale the program up and make it accessible to students within other schools and colleges at the university. Those who have worked on the program want to “create a very successful, well-run program in Liberal Arts, that would be transferable to other colleges as well,” said Buckwalter. “Our goal is to figure out the framework and how to implement it, and to share that knowledge with other colleges more broadly.”

The Professional Mentoring Program comes at no cost to students. It is currently open to any junior or senior in CoLA for the next semester.

Applications to participate in the program for next academic year are now open; the deadline to apply is Apr. 20. The links to both the mentor and mentee applications are both available on the mentoring program [page](#) on the university website.